

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 3, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention aims to provide a lighting unit comprising the following elements:

a plurality of pushbuttons;

a switch device for performing electrical ON-OFF by pressing at least one of the pushbuttons; and

an ~~E~~electroluminescent (EL) device including light-emitting sections corresponding to pushbuttons disposed at least one of above or under the switch device.

The light-emitting section of the EL device includes at least one of an optically transparent electrode layer and a backplate layer, formed partially on an optically transparent insulating base, and both of the layers and a light-emitting layer, selectively laminated on the optically transparent insulating base.